



## Campaign for the Establishment of a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly

### About the Campaign

The Campaign for the Establishment of a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly (UNPA) is a global network of parliamentarians and non-governmental organizations advocating citizen's representation at the United Nations through a popularly elected chamber. The Campaign was launched in April 2007 with events in ten countries on four continents. Its participants are united in their support of the Campaign's "Appeal for the Establishment of a Parliamentary Assembly at the United Nations." A UN Parliamentary Assembly would be the first parliamentary body directly representing the world's citizens in the UN system. It is envisaged as a first step towards the long-term goal of a world parliament. The first international conference was held in November 2007 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, the second in November 2008 at the European Parliament in Brussels.

### Support

The Campaign and its appeal are supported by more than 600 parliamentarians, 150 non-governmental organizations and 2,000 individuals from over 120 countries. Among them are hundreds of distinguished leaders, in particular over 20 acting and former government ministers, several Nobel Prize laureates, 200 professors, numerous civil society leaders, two former Prime Ministers and former UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. The support is growing steadily.



Possible logo for a UNPA, reflecting parliamentary benches

The European Parliament, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Pan-African Parliament and the Latin-American Parliament, among others, have passed resolutions recommending the creation of a UNPA.

### Objectives

The Campaign's objective is to coordinate the efforts towards a UNPA globally. Ongoing programs aim to make the proposal visible in political debates and the media; to facilitate the creation of regional, national and local networks of individuals, non-governmental organizations and parliamentarians advocating a UNPA in their sphere of influence; to facilitate contacts and debates with potentially like-minded parliaments and governments; and to develop expertise and policy recommendations.

### Steering Committee

The Campaign's Steering Committee guides the work of the Campaign Secretariat and helps to coordinate the Campaign participants' activities. It is composed of the Society for Threatened Peoples International, the World Federalist Movement, 2020\*Vision Ltd. and the Committee for a Democratic UN. The latter serves as the Secretariat. Each member has its own staff and resources devoted to the Campaign. Members of parliament are closely integrated into the Committee's deliberations.

### What you can do

As an individual, please endorse the Campaign's appeal for a UNPA and thus demonstrate your support. Spread the word within your personal networks. If you are a member of an NGO, ask its leadership to join the Campaign. Volunteer your professional skills and assist us directly. Make a donation. Visit our website to learn more about what you could do.

As an organization or parliamentarian, in a first step please also sign up to the UNPA appeal. Join the Campaign and help strengthen the support for a UNPA around the world.



# Appeal for the Establishment of a Parliamentary Assembly at the United Nations

The appeal for a UNPA: Endorsed by individuals, parliamentarians and NGOs from over 120 countries

Humanity faces the task of ensuring the survival and well being of future generations as well as the preservation of the natural foundations of life on Earth. We are convinced that in order to cope with major challenges such as social disparity, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the threat of terrorism or the endangerment of global ecosystems, all human beings must engage in collaborative efforts.

To ensure international cooperation, secure the acceptance and to enhance the legitimacy of the United Nations and strengthen its capacity to act, people must be more effectively and directly included into the activities of the United Nations and its international organizations. They must be allowed to participate better in the UN's activities. We therefore recommend a gradual implementation of democratic participation and representation on the global level.

We conceive the establishment of a consultative Parliamentary Assembly at the United Nations as an indispensable step. Without making a change of the UN Charter necessary in the first step, a crucial link between the UN, the organizations of the UN system, the governments, national parliaments and civil society can be achieved through such an assembly.

Such an assembly would not simply be a new institution; as the voice of citizens, the assembly would be the manifestation and vehicle of a changed consciousness and understanding of international politics. The assembly could become a political catalyst for further development of the international system and of international law. It could also substantially contribute to the United Nation's capacity to realize its high objectives and to shape globalization positively.

A Parliamentary Assembly at the United Nations could initially be composed of national parliamentarians. Step by step, it should be provided with genuine rights of information, participation and control vis-à-vis the UN and the organizations of the UN system. In a later stage, the assembly could be directly elected.

**We appeal to the United Nations and the governments of its member states to establish a Parliamentary Assembly at the United Nations. We call for all organizations, decision-makers and citizens engaged with the international common interest to support this appeal.**

**Yes, I support the above appeal and agree that my support is made public:**

Name: _____	Date: _____
Organization (if applicable): _____	
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